THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking of this Department, is setting up a Nuclear Power Project consisting of two Light Water Reactor units of 1000 MWe each (KKNPP-1&2) at Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu in cooperation with Russian Federation. The construction work on this project is going on as per schedule and the commercial operation of these units are planned for December 2007 and December 2008 for the first and second unit respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Grant of mining Lease in Kerala

1552. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 894 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has recommended proposals for grant of mining lease for ilmenite rutile, leucoxeve, zircon, monazite in favour of M/s. Cochin Minerals and Rutiles Ltd. as on the 1st April, 2000; and

(b) if so, the details of the recommendation made by the State Government specifically the dates of such recommendation and the Central Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) As on 1.4.2000, the Central Government had not received any recommendations from the Government of Kerala for grant of mining lease in favour of M/s. Cochin Minerals and Rutiles Limited.

(b) Does not arise.